

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC CHURCH

FINANCE AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016

Present: Ken Chadwick (KC) (Chairman), Fr. John Walsh (JW), Fr. John Paul Evans (JPE), David Ashworth (DA), Bernadette Brumwell (BB), Paul Greenwood (PG), Peter Nutter (PN), Bill Robinson (BR), Jeanette Williams (JeW).

Apologies: Slav. Barran (SB), Ian Harrison (IH), Mary Newton (MN),

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 November 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those on the agenda.

3. Appointment of an additional member of the Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that John Ireland should be asked if he wished to join the Committee.

4. The Hall and Church Maintenance Matters

DA and PG reported in detail on the necessary work which needed to be carried out to both the church and the SVP room in the hall. Although the quotation for some of the work in the church exceeded the £5,000 Diocesan limit, Ken Dennis had agreed that the work in the church was essential to avoid further deterioration, and that it should proceed as soon as possible. It was agreed to further negotiate with Peter Cox to agree a final price for the work to proceed at the beginning of February in order to limit the amount of disruption to church services, since it will be necessary to vacate the church whilst the work is carried out and use the hall for services. DA and PG in conjunction with Fr John were authorised to proceed with the work after submitting and obtaining final approval from Ken Dennis. **Action FrJW, DA and PG.**

In relation to the SVP room it was agreed to go ahead with work to stop the dampness being caused by the gutters and then obtain quotations for the redecoration of the room and new furniture, in order to bring it back into use as a meeting room for the SVP and other Parish use. **Action FrJW, DA, PG and BB**

5. Financial Report.

IH reported that the bank balance currently was £53,079.

6. Website

SB had sent an email report on the use of the website and a bar chart showing the visits month by month. The total visits for the calendar year to the end of November were 14,134. In the month of November 2016 the top visits were the UK 40%, Germany 21%, Ukraine 4% followed by California and China with 3% each.

7. Hall

a) It was reported that the fund raising event held in the church on 1 December 2016 had raised £1,143 and £846 had been banked in the Special Activities Account resulting in a total raised to date of £9,579 to be used for the refurbishment of the church hall.

b) BB reported that she had now finalised the agreement to be signed by all external users of the church hall and will now issue it to them. **Action BB**

c) BR reported that he had been unable to obtain a response from one of the hirers of the church hall regarding payment and he will now pursue the matter further. **Action BR**

8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 30 January 2017 at 7.00 p.m.